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TITLE: METHOD OF OPERATION OF A PRINTING)
UNIT AND PRINTING UNIT OFFSET MACHINE)
COMPLETION OF PCT/DK98/00303 filed 02 July 1998)

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents (DO/EO/US)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application being filed herewith under 35 USC 371.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-10 as filed and substitute new claims 11-20 as follows:

11. A method of operation of a printing unit in an offset machine wherein the printing unit comprising a doctor blade chamber device is used for lacquer application and as dampening unit for water application.

12. A printing unit for use by a method according to claim 11 in an offset machine comprising means for lacquer application and means for water application, the lacquer application means and the water application means are comprised of a unit comprising a doctor blade chamber device and at least a roller for transferring lacquer or water from the doctor blade chamber device to the plate cylinder of the printing unit.

13. A printing unit according to claim 12, wherein the lacquer and water application means are based on the use of one and the same doctor blade chamber device.